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INSPECTOR GENERAL**
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Daniel E. Stevens
Executive Director
611 Pennsylvania, Ave., S.E. #337
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. Stevens,

This is in response to your letter of February 19, 2019 requesting that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) conduct an investigation into Acting Secretary of the Department of Interior, David Bernhardt, and his relationship with Westlands Water District. We are reviewing the information you provided, in addition to other information available to us, in order to determine the appropriate next steps. Nancy DiPaolo, Director of External Affairs will notify your staff of our determination.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-208-5745, or your staff may contact Nancy DiPaolo, Director, External Affairs, at 202-208-4357.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary L. Kendall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" and last name "Kendall" clearly visible.

Mary L. Kendall
Deputy Inspector General